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SUBJECT: JORGE ENRIQUE HARDOY

ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)

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1. PRINCETON INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED STUDY HAS EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER WELL-BEING OF ARGENTINE URBAN PLANNER JORGE ENRIQUE HARDOY. REPORTEDLY HE WAS ARRESTED RECENTLY BUT NOW RELEASED AND CURRENTLY UNDER HOUSE ARREST. CONCERN ABOUT HIS ARREST HAS ALSO BEEN EXPRESSED BY THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT, WHICH HAD PLANNED TO INVITE HARDOY TO PARTICIPATE IN HABITAT CONFERENCE. THE INSTITUTE HAS MADE AN APPROACH ON HIS BEHALF TO ARGENTINE UN MISSION IN NEW YORK.

2. THE DEPARTMENT HAS INFORMED THE ARGENTINE EMBASSY OF THE ABOVE EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN BY INFLUENTIAL US GROUPS. THE EMBASSY HAD ALREADY RECEIVED INQUIRIES ABOUT HARDOY AS WELL AS OTHER PERSONS RECENTLY ARRESTED IN ARGENTINA AND IS WARNING THE FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT THERE IS A REAL DANGER OF A US PUBLIC REACTION AGAINST THE NEW GOVERNMENT IN ARGENTINA UNLESS THE GOA MOVES QUICKLY TO GIVE SATIS-

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FACTORY PUBLIC EXPLANATIONS REGARDING THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION. THE DEPARTMENT HAS INFORMED THE EMBASSY THAT THERE IS US PUBLIC CONCERN NOT ONLY ABOUT THE OVERT ACTIONS OF THE GOA BUT ALSO ABOUT THE REPORTED CONTINUATION OF ILLEGAL ACTIVITY BY RIGHT-WING TERRORIST GROUPS.

3. THE EMBASSY SHOULD CABLE ANY INFORMATION IT MAY HAVE REGARDING HARDOY'S SITUATION AND SHOULD TAKE ADVANTAGE OF EVERY APPROPRIATE OPPORTUNITY TO WARN THE GOA ABOUT THE GROWING CONCERN AMONG OPINION-MOULDING GROUPS IN THE US ABOUT THE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN ARGENTINA. ROBINSON

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